



# Committee on Homeland Security **Democrats**

## Bennie G. Thompson, Ranking Member

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### CONGRESSMAN THOMPSON SPEAKS AT HOMELAND SECURITY BREAKFAST

**April 6, 2005, Washington, DC** — Today, Congressman Bennie G. Thompson, (D-MS), Ranking Member of the House Committee on Homeland Security along with other prominent democratic committee members spoke at a breakfast hosted by the Homeland Security Industries Association to discuss homeland security issues and the role of the private sector in making America as secure as it can be.

The Homeland Security Industries Association (HSIA) represents various companies in a number of business sectors that have interests in homeland security. HSIA's member companies are located throughout the United States and represent small, medium and large corporations.

Members had the opportunity to learn more about the challenges businesses face in a heightened security environment and what technologies are being deployed to assist in securing our nation. Congressman Thompson stated, **"It's important that meetings of this nature continue to take place, so that we can effectively work together to ensure that all is being done to protect America's homeland. When it comes to Homeland Security, party affiliation should not be the focus of attention. I am looking forward to working with the HSIA in the near future so we can collectively explore ideas that will eventually enable us to adequately restore the security of our nation."**

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